



Rye, NH

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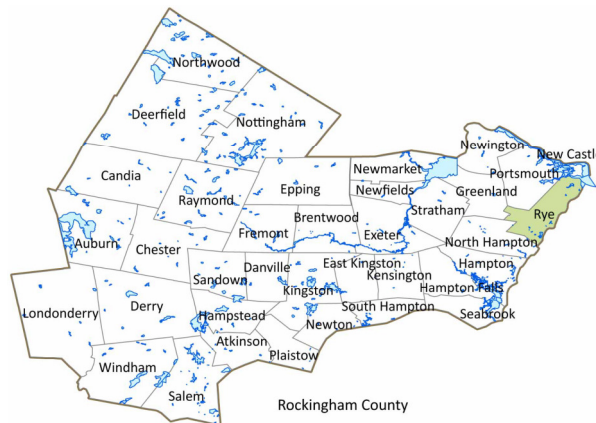
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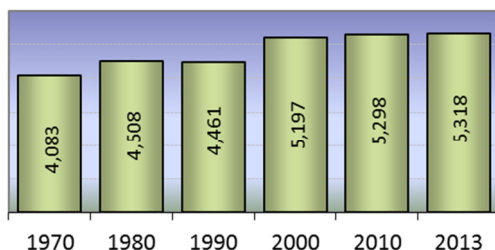
Incorporated: 1726

Origin: Rye was the site of the first settlement in New Hampshire, established by David Thompson in 1623 at Odiorne's Point, which he called Pannaway. This township was originally part of Portsmouth called Sandy Beach, and it was incorporated as a parish of New Castle in 1693 when that town separated from Portsmouth. In 1726 it was separated from New Castle, and incorporated as Rye, after the borough of Rye, a flourishing English Channel town. Rye's eight-mile length of coastline is dotted with old names such as Wallis Sands, Jenness Beach, Locke's Neck, Ragged Neck, Rye Harbor, and Odiorne Point. In 1876, the thriving village of Gosport on Star Island in the Isles of Shoals was annexed to the town. Rye is the only New Hampshire town with Atlantic islands, having annexed four of the Isles of Shoals; the remaining five islands belong to Maine.



Villages and Place Names: Jenness Beach, Odiorne Point, Foyes Corner, Langs Corner, Rye Beach, Rye Harbor, Rye North Beach, Wallis Sands, West Rye, Foss Beach

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 958 residents in 1790



Population Trends: Population change for Rye totaled 2,074 over 53 years, from 3,244 in 1960 to 5,318 in 2013. The largest decennial percent change was a 26 percent increase between 1960 and 1970; the smallest, a two percent increase between 2000 and 2010. The 2013 Census estimate for Rye was 5,318 residents, which ranked 63rd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2013 (US Census Bureau): 420.7 persons per square mile of land area. Rye contains 12.6 square miles of land area and 0.5 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2014		\$12,927,719	
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Zoning Ordinance		1953/13	
Master Plan		2009	
Capital Improvement Plan		Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Budget; Zoning		
Appointed:	Conservation; Historic District; Mosquito; Beach; Heritage; Recreation		
Public Library	Rye Public		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full & part-time	
Fire Department		Municipal	
Emergency Medical Service		Municipal	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
Portsmouth Regional, Portsmouth		6 miles	209
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		Eversource Energy	
Natural Gas Supplier		None	
Water Supplier		Rye Water District; Aquarion Water	
Sanitation		Rye Sewer Commission & private septic	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		No	
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup		None	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		No	
Recycling Program		Mandatory	
Telephone Company		Bay Ring; Fairpoint	
Cellular Telephone Access		Yes	
Cable Television Access		Yes	
Public Access Television Station		No	
High Speed Internet Service:		Business	Yes
		Residential	Yes
PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2013 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$10.97	
2013 Equalization Ratio		93.5	
2013 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$10.21	
2013 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		95.6%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		4.1%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		0.3%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2009-2013)	
Total Housing Units		2,830	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		2,393	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		158	
Five or More Units in Structure		111	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		168	

DEMOGRAPHICS		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2013	5,318		297,728
2010	5,298		295,223
2000	5,197		278,748
1990	4,461		246,744
1980	4,508		190,345
1970	4,083		138,951
Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2009-2013			
Population by Gender			
Male	2,612	Female	2,706
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			165
Age 5 to 19			664
Age 20 to 34			512
Age 35 to 54			1,785
Age 55 to 64			1,126
Age 65 and over			1,066
Median Age			51.4 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			95.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher			50.6%
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2009-2013)	
Per capita income			\$52,866
Median family income			\$113,715
Median household income			\$94,615
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$65,144
Female			\$54,592
Individuals below the poverty level			4.0%
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average	2003		2013
Civilian labor force	2,645		2,866
Employed	2,543		2,723
Unemployed	102		143
Unemployment rate	3.9%		5.0%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2003		2013
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	46		21
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 622		\$1,205
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	924		1,010
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 547		\$ 708
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	970		1,031
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 551		\$ 718
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	253		219
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 484		\$ 872
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	1,223		1,250
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 537		\$ 745

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Rye operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are tuitioned to Portsmouth**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Portsmouth Career-Tech Center #19**

District: **SAU 50**
 Region: **19**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1	1		1
Grade Levels	K 1-5	6-8		3-12
Total Enrollment	311	183		51

Nearest Community College: **Great Bay**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **University of NH**

2014 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: **2** Total Capacity: **159**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Town of Rye	Municipal services	61	1726
Petey's Restaurant	Seasonal restaurant		
Rye Airfield	Skate park & BMX bikes		
Wentworth by the Sea Country Club	Golf course		
Ice House (seasonal)	Restaurant		
TD Bank	Banking services		
Rye Public Schools	Education		
Sagamore Veterinary Clinic	Animal health care services		
Abenaki Country Club	Golf course		
Webster at Rye	Rehabilitation & assisted living		

TRANSPORTATION (*distances estimated from city/town hall*)

Road Access	US Routes	1
	State Routes	1A
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-95, Exit 3
	Distance	5 miles
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Hampton Airfield	Runway	2,100 ft. turf
Lighted?	Navigation Aids?	No
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	43 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		40 miles
Portland, Maine		58 miles
Boston, Mass.		53 miles
New York City, NY		266 miles
Montreal, Quebec		296 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (*ACS 2009-2013*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	85.3%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	3.8%
Public transportation	0.3%
Walked	3.0%
Other means	0.0%
Worked at home	7.6%
Mean Travel Time to Work	27.8 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2009-2013

Working in community of residence	13.3
Commuting to another NH community	52.8
Commuting out-of-state	33.9

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
X	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **McIntyre, Gunstock**

Other: **Whale Watches, Odiorne Point; Wallis Sands; Jenness & Rye State Parks; State Harbor**